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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NAOKI NISHIMURA) Examiner: Nguyen, Tan
Application No.: 10/689,717) Group Art Unit: 2818
Filed: October 22, 2003)
For: MAGNETIC THIN FILM)
ELEMENT, MEMORY ELEMENT :
USING THE SAME, AND METHOD)
FOR RECORDING AND :
REPRODUCING USING THE)
MEMORY ELEMENT : June 10, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

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An English abstract for this document has been located and is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language document is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English-language abstract. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement accompanies a Request For Continued Examination (RCE), which has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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